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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MALLOUM ADDRESSES NATION ON THREAT TO CHADIAN
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

1. IN BRIEF RADIO SPEECH TO THE NATION MORE REMARKABLE FOR WHAT WAS
NOT SAID THAN WHAT WAS ATRICULATED, CHADAIN PRESIDENT MALLOUM
ON JUNE 28 MADE FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE TO CONCERTED REBEL ATTACKS
ON GOVERNMENT'S NORTHERN OUTPOSTS. MALLOUM ADDRESSED HIS APPEAL TO
ALL CHADIANS, WITHING AND WITHOUT CHAD, STRESSING THAT THE INTEGRITY
OF THE CHADIAN NATION IS AT STAKE. HE SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH
BEGAN ON JUNE 23 IN N'DJAMENA WITH THE "ADVERSE PARTY" (A COURIOUSLY
OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO LIBYAN DELEGATION) HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL
BECAUSE OF THE REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THAT BASE OF THE PROBLEM IS
OCCUPATION OF CHADIAN TERRITORY (AOZOU) BY HOSTILE POWER. REBEL
LEADER GOUKOUNI, SAID THE PRESIDENT, WHILE GIVING LIP SERVICE TO
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CAUSE OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION FOR PAST TWO YEARS, IN FACT HAS
NO REAL COMMITMENT TO THIS OBJECTIVE AND WILLINGLY SUPPORTS A CAUSE
WHICH THREATENS CHADIAN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL IN-
TEGRITY. ALL CHADIANS, THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED, MUST EXAMINE THEIR
CONSCIENCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY TRULY WISH TO BETRAY THE
CONCEPT OF THE CHADIAN NATION.

2. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES EMBASSY HAS REPORTS OF CONTINUED HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND BARDAI, WHOSE GARRISON IS CUT OFF FROM AIRPORT AND IN POOR CONDITION. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAYS THAT GABON HAS SENT TWO AIRCRAFT WITH PILOTS (PRESUMABLY FRENCH) TO ASSIST CHAD. THERE HAVE BEEN NO APPARENT RESULTS OF EGYPTIAN AND SUDANESE MILITARY CONSULTATIONS WITH CHAD. ZAIRIAN "AID" APPARENTLY CONSISTED OF UNUSED RATIONS FROM SHABA OPERATION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY AND OTHERS OBSERVERS (E.G., FRENCH EMBASSY) MILDLY SURPRISED THAT PRESIDENT MADE NO REFERENCE BY NAME TO LIBYANS. IT IS INTRIGUING, BUT VERY TYPICAL OF CHAD, THAT PRESIDENT'S SPEECH OBVIOUSLY ASSUMES THAT CHADIAN POPULACE FAMILIAR WITH MILITARY PROBLEMS IN NORTH, EVEN THOUGH NO WORD OF THE FIGHTING HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN PUBLIC MEDIA. BRADFORD

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